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The appeal brief filed on 9/17/02 is acknowledged but the appeal brief is still defective because the appealed claims (specially claim 1) with after final amendment filed September 30, 2001, which was not entered.

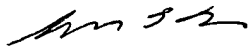
It is noted that the Advisory action mailed on 2/19/02 clearly states that the proposed amendment will not be entered.

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